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1. During 1951 and early 1952 there was a continual shortage of gasoline for civilian consumption. In fact, there were sometimes periods of two to three weeks during which there was a complete lack of gasoline for civilian consumption. When it was available, civilians bought gasoline with coupons. I owned a 1937 Ford Eiffel with a 1.5 cc. rating, and received a monthly gasoline ration of 25 l.
2. The price of gasoline in 1951 was 30 lei per liter when purchased with coupons or 71 lei per liter on the black market without coupons.
3. There was also a severe kerosene shortage in the city of Stalin. Kerosene was rationed and was distributed once or twice a month at a depot on the outskirts of Stalin. Each family was entitled to a monthly ration of three to five liters at 10 lei per liter. Civilians lined up at 0400 hours to get kerosene; late comers usually left empty-handed. Most families were able to get kerosene every three or four months only.
4. I have no information about the extent of stockpiling or the location of storage facilities for petroleum products in Rumania.

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